



The

Relator

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*"Salute one another with a holy kiss.
The Churches of Christ salute you!"
Romans 16:16*

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Cosma's
Corner

Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans. Prov. 16:3

When you put God in charge of your work, then what you've planned will take place. Your actions speak louder than your words because you can in word give everything over to God but if you act in such a way to give everything over to the Lordship of Christ Jesus then your plans will succeed. You will succeed because you will be putting your trust in what is forever, instead of the temporary. Even before anyone knew that Jesus of Nazareth would be the Son of God to die for the world, Solomon penned these words in a grouping of proverbs. Showing us that their is foresight in wisdom.

It is in the person of Christ Jesus that we find completeness. It is in the personal commitment of Christ to die for us that we make a personal commitment to die every day to self. And it is in following Christ that we become more than just a spectator but instead we are made a spectacle. We are put on display because we are different ... different from the world because we trust in one who is out of this world.

This is how my brother Tom Miller lived ... he lived according to these words. ***"For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord."*** Romans 14:7-8 NIV

He had a deep love for the Lord and for others. He did not live for himself alone ... he lived for others and for the Lord. He lived and died with integrity and dignity . He does not die alone ... he dies to the Lord knowing those who are in and outside his family that he ministered to will join him ... not in death ... but in new life. He knew that this perishable must put on the imperishable.

Tom told Linda that he wanted to go home ... time after time while he was in therapy. In fact, just before his death, the family was getting ready to take him back to the house and farm for a few days. Those arrangements never transpired because God had other plans. Tom did go home ... he beat us all there.

Probably just making sure the heating and air is flowing in the mansions. But maybe not ... for it was time for this hardworking man and minister to retire and find rest in the loving arms of an almighty God. Still .. I can't but help to think that the man who knew to live is Christ and to die is gain is helping Jesus prepare His place for us to follow.

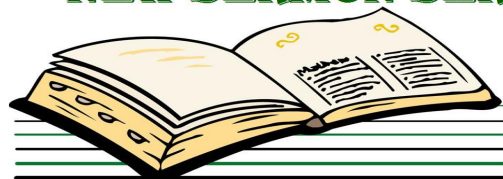
Tom is now assured of everything he believed and now definitely is experiencing in its fullness the words of God as He says, *Well done you good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of your Lord!*

Take a Note from Tom: Stop trying to find the will of God in your life and start willing your life to the discovery of God every day.

For it seems to me that God has put us on display at the end of the procession, like those condemned to die in the arena. We have been made a spectacle to the whole universe ... I Cor 4:9.

***Time to go from spectator to spectacle.
From One Gladiator to Another***

NEW SERMON SERIES THIS MONTH !



**"40 DAYS
WITH JESUS"**

Monthly Newsletter Published by Phillips Christian Church, Salem, Ohio

reflections..

KINDNESS

Pass it on!

Give a flower Eat lunch with someone new
 Listen with your heart Visit a sick friend
 Clean a neighbor's walk Offer a hug
 Give an unexpected gift Make a new friend
 Pick up litter Say "hello" Call a lonely student
 Open a Door Help carry a load Plant a tree
 Pass a kindness on Share a snack
 Cheer up a friend Thank a Teacher Lend a hand
 Read to a young child Do a kind act daily
 Leave a thank you note Offer your seat
 Cycle courteously BE TOLERANT Let another go first
 Bake cookies for firefighters Give a compliment
 Help a student make friends Assist an adult
 Give a balloon away Lend a classmate a pencil
 Celebrate something every day Encourage a friend
 Respect others Walk a dog Do a favor
 Forgive mistakes Smile at someone new

www.actsofkindness.org

***"To Honor Brother Tom Miller,
 Let's all perform a Random Act of
 Kindness this Month !"***

The **Wednesday Night Youth Bible Study Group** made homemade vegetable soup on February 10, 2018, at Dorothy Faloba's house for Valentine's Day. We made 18 quarts and 18 pints of soup and distributed it to shut ins and people from our church and others. This is the **third year** and the girls have fun making valentines to attach to each jar. This year we attached valentines and heart candy. The people we distributed the soup to were very happy to see us again this year and it is something they look forward to. The girls played outside and made a snowman and had snowball fights and enjoyed the day being together. They also went to the grocery store to get some of the ingredients and learned how to compare prices. This is something the girls look forward to each year and I would like to thank them for taking time out of their busy schedule to make someone smile. -Dorothy Faloba



March Calendar

March 4th ... 8:00 am Trustees Meeting

March 10th ... SPRING FORWARD !

Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead before going to bed

March 11th ... 8:00 am Elders Meeting

March 18th ... 8:00 am Board Meeting

March 20th ... First Day of Spring



1st John S. Faloba

3rd Steve Singer

9th Caige Vincent

10th Eric Snyder

Nathaniel Davis

Gary Eichler, Sr.

11th Dom DiBaggio

7th Sheldon & Kim Cosma

9th Lester & Kim Poynter

13th John Benson

16th Bill Kelly

18th Matthew Huston

19th Wanda Huston

28th Anthony DiBaggio

31st Nathan Huston



10th Mike & Lynn Phillis

29th Jack & Star Vincent



Family FUNday School

Karen Benson, Kim & Sheldon
 Cosma, Lucy Cosma, Jenna
 Crum, Beverly Evans,
 Ben, Kim & Eli Fowler,
 Robin Janofa, Carl & Judy
 Merriman, Linda Miller,
 Cody Opsitnik, Missy Opsitnik,
 Gail Phillis, Jr., Mike & Lynn Phillis,
 Mollie Phillis, Lynn & Brenda Schmidt,
 Marty Shinn, Jack & Bonnie Vincent

Perfect
 Attendance
 (February 2018)



Our Nation, Our Congregation, Lost Souls, Our Leaders

Nathaniel Davis (immune system problems)

Bill Wiley (health issues)

Mary Lou Eberhart (health problems)

Steve Singer (blood condition)

George Faull (pray for strength)

Northeast Ohio Bible College

Elizabeth Thatcher (health problems)

Zac Carter (making decisions for lung surgery, starting chemo)

Baby Elijah (heart function is normal, PTL! Now a candidate for final heart repair)

Jim Webber (heart problems)

Mandy Fitch (dialysis; needs kidney transplant)

Jean Fluharty (cancer)

Loni Grisez and her Family

Mary Long (COPD)

Gladys Laughlin (health problems) **Nancy Moore** (Vista Center for rehab)

Michelle Dangel (cancer)

Bill Reynolds (broken hip, John's uncle)

Renee Baker (cancer)

Laura and Nicole Clunen

Norma Todd

Terry and Debbie Peer

Sharen Uphold (cancer)

John Samuel Faloba (health issues)

Carol Baker (cancer)

Zach Temateo (Hodgkin's Lymphoma)

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Joe Phillis; Joel Newburn & Family, Poland; Kyle Stephenson & Family, Germany

OUR SHUT-INS

Bess Staubs; Pat Kalbfell, (Essex);

Wanda Huston, (Allay); **Ada Bailey**;

Nita Floor, (Courtyard); **Nick Cosma**



Dear Phillips Youth Group,

I want to thank you girls for the vegetable soup – it was 'so' good.
Also, Thanks to Verna and Dorothy for educating and instructing these
young people to share good values and good recipes with others.

Again, Many Thanks for your Christian Beliefs,

Ever, Elizabeth (Thatcher)



*Phillips Christian Church Youth Group,
Thank You for the soup and card. It was
delicious. I found it on Tuesday morning.*

Thank You.

Ella Cibula



Thankful
FOR YOUR KINDNESS

Dear PCC Youth,
Thanks for the soup. It tasted good.
I didn't have to make dinner
that night. Thanks for
thinking of giving me soup!
Gail Jr. (Phillis)

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SERVICES:

SUNDAY

9:00 am ... Sunday School

10:00 am ... Worship

WEDNESDAY

7:00 pm ...Adult Bible Study & Youth Group

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Early one spring, I planted a couple of dozen amaryllis bulbs. With great anticipation, I watched for blooms. But weeks turned into months before the first sign of life appeared. By the end of summer, the bed of pink flowers I'd envisioned was nothing more than a scattering of green leaves.

So I pulled them all up to make room for other plants. I wasn't about to waste another growing season.



Imagine my surprise the following spring, when a single delicate amaryllis blossom appeared. My delight quickly turned to dismay – for I realized I'd given up too soon. Had I the least bit of patience or a little faith, I might have had a glorious garden.

Then I wondered: Are there other things or people I give up on too soon? What might a little patience and faith do for a difficult relationship or troublesome circumstances?
- Kari Myers



Walking By Faith

As spring buds and temperatures rise, it's fun to get outside and walk. Walking is great for both body and mind. "To solve a problem, walk around," advised St. Jerome. Naturalist Henry David Thoreau agreed, saying, "The moment my legs begin to move, my thoughts begin to flow." Indeed, walking has been linked to improved creativity and reduced anxiety.

Some Bible versions translate Ephesians 5:8 "Live as children of light," while others use "walk": "You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light" (NKJV). What a great rendering! Living is something we often do passively and without much thought, while walking is an intentional, active pursuit; we must choose when, where and how we do it.

Now that we're children of light – newly alive springtime people, Easter people! – Jesus urges us to not just live the faith but to walk it. When our faith becomes active, new thoughts flow, anxiety decreases and we make strides in our relationship with Jesus. –Heidi Mann

Puzzle!

Search for these words that are all associated with the Lenten journey.

crown donkey hosanna penance Pilate sins
colt crucifixion forsaken kiss prayer suffer
confess death Gethsemane lots repent thorns
cross denial Golgotha palms silver vigil

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